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FM AMEMBASSY KIGALI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5406

INFO AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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STATE PASS DEFENSE FOR JCS

KINSHASA FOR DATT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, MPOL, RW

SUBJECT: DATT ATTENDANCE AT RWANDAN ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 292098; (B) KIGALI 1394

1. DATT/KINSHASA ATTENDANCE AT RWANDAN ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATIONS WAS GREAT PR SUCCESS. SENIOR GOR OFFICIALS (INCLUDING PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA) MADE KNOWN TO AMBASSADOR THEIR SPECIAL APPRECIATION. THEY PARTICULARLY APPRECIATED COL GRIFFIN'S DESIGNATION AS REPRESENTATIVE OF CHAIRMAN JCS, WHICH THEY CONSTRUED AS RESPONSE TO INVITATION ISSUED VIA RWANDAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON (REFTELS).

2. WE WISH ESPECIALLY TO COMMEND DAO GUESTS FOR THEIR DIGNIFIED, LOW-KEY, YET THOROUGHLY CORDIAL POSTURE DURING FESTIVITIES. THIS WAS NO EASY MATTER, AS PUBLIC ATTENTION WENT MAINLY TO HIGH RANKING PRC, NORTH KOREAN, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND LIBYAN DELEGATIONS. WE WERE PROUD, HOWEVER, OF CONTRAST BETWEEN OUR GUESTS AND LIBYANS, FOR EXAMPLE, WHO MADE PERFECT ASSES OF THEMSELVES BY CLOWNING FOR THE CROWDS AND ELBOWING UP TO PRESIDENT (WHO WAS VISIBLY ANNOYED BY THEIR ANTICS).

3. FYI: WE WERE TELEPHONED TWICE BY PRESIDENCY SEC GEN

BUREGEYA OCTOBER 28 (TWO DAYS AFTER FESTIVITIES AND  
DAY AFTER ATTACHES LEFT KIGALI) FIRST TO SAY THAT  
PRESIDENT WISHED TO RECEIVE COL GRIFFIN FOR PRIVATE  
AUDIENCE, THEN TO EXPRESS PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL APOLOGIES  
THAT INVITATION HAD NOT BEEN ISSUED BEFORE ATTACHES DEPARTED. END FYI

4. IN SUM, BOTH EMBASSY AND GOR WERE GRATIFIED BY  
REPRESENTATION OF US ARMED FORCES AT THIS EVENT.

5. DRAFTER: AMB.  
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